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"If at any time I can be of help to you, please feel free to call day or night." Rev. Wendell Morris, Pastor New Life Baptist Church

Farmworkers' Day Of Action

Greg Bye
and Dave Campbell

On Saturday, March 13, over 150 farmworkers and supporters conducted a rally in Sylvester Park, marched through the streets of Olympia, and eventually ended at the Capitol. The marchers briefly stopped in front of a downtown restaurant, where a statement was read to the owners, encouraging them to join the eleven Olympia-area restaurants in boycotting Chateau Ste. Michelle/U.S. Tobacco wines. There were several speeches on the capitol steps including those by United Farm Workers' (UFW) President Manuel Cortez and Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) leader Baldeman Valesquez.

Farmworkers are not included under the National Labor Relations Act of the New Deal era. The NLRA guarantees workers the right to bargain and strike as a unit. But without these rights, employers do not recognize the union or negotiate. Over the years, bills have been introduced to give farmworkers in Washington the right to collectively bargain and strike; all have failed. Two bills this year, SB5347 and HB1287, do not have the support of the UFW because the right to collective bargaining and striking.

The boycotting of the largest winery in Washington, Chateau Ste. Michelle, was begun in 1988 to raise awareness of the farmworkers' struggle and to pressure the owners into recognizing their rights to unionization. Local organizers, led by Sheila Payne, have been successful in gaining the agreements of eleven restaurants to stop serving the wines at their establishments. When dining out or shopping at your local grocery store ask if Chateau Ste. Michelle wines are for sale and request that the boycott be honored. ✦

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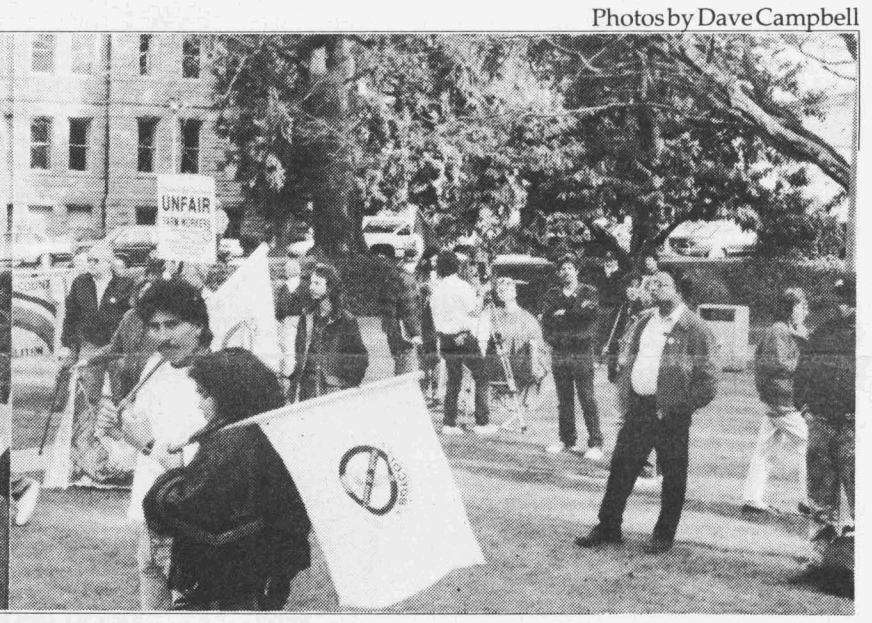

Hands Around the Capitol

Richard Kirton

The Washington Freedom Coalition (WFC), a statewide political action group dedicated to defending the civil liberties of Washington's affectional minorities (gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals), announces **Hands Around the Capitol: A Rally in Solidarity with the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equal Rights and Liberation.**

Noon on Sunday, April 25, 1993 at the Washington State Capitol

Olympia -- Gay and lesbian civil liberties are at hand, but supporters must work to achieve them. On April 25, millions in Washington D.C. are expected to participate in the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of the United States. If you can not travel to D.C. then join the Washington Freedom Coalition in Olympia for **Hands Around the Capitol: A Washington State Rally in Solidarity With the March on Washington D.C. for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equal Rights and Liberation.**

Thomas Jefferson said "the price of democracy is eternal vigilance." History has demonstrated many times that we the people must petition the government to protect our basic freedoms. Sadly, civil liberties have not always been won by majority rule.

Slaves were not freed by popular vote; Lincoln had to sign the Emancipation Proclamation. Women's Suffrage was not won by popular vote; it took an act of congress to amend the Constitution. Civil rights will never be secured without hard work and diligence.

We have a largely unfinished social justice agenda in this country. Until civil rights are guaranteed to all people regardless of race, creed, national origin, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation, none of us will be truly free.

NOW is the time our nation must come to terms with basic civil liberties for affectional minorities. NOW is the time we the people of Washington state must bring these issues to the streets.

In solidarity with the March on Washington D.C., people who believe in freedom and justice will rally in our state capitol on April 25.

Join us for Hands Around the Capitol at noon on Sunday, April 25, 1993 at the Washington State Capitol. Hear live music, and motivating speakers. Experience unity as we join hands in a "circle of freedom" around the capitol building. Help us make this the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of Washington state.

To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the children of darkness are far more diligent than the children of light. This has been true for ages, and sadly is still true today. Together, you and I can ensure that it is not true tomorrow. ✦

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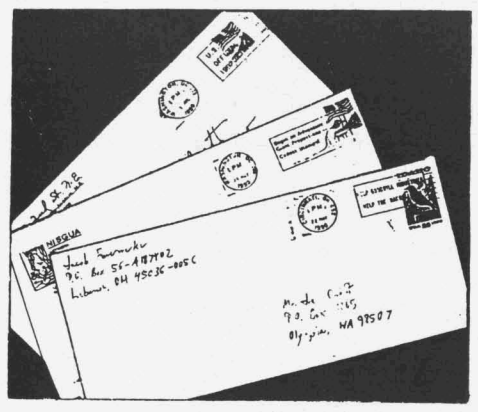

Hats Off!

Works In Progress,

Enclosed you should find the GLU [Gay Lesbian Bi Transgender University & Friends Adult Education] catalog.

Also I would like to comment on the "The Hidden Sexual Minority". My hat is off to both the paper and the person that wrote the story. That is great. We really can be adults.

Anyway I would like to add my two bits. I believe that the so-called hidden sexual minority is in all of us. My God women have been yelling forever that they don't want to lay there and take it anymore. If mommy wasn't daddy's consensual slave a lot of us wouldn't be here at all. (Mommy & Daddy's arrangement is not S&M, it is more like legalized slavery.) I like what Grace Slick says, "There is a little bit of Hitler and Mother Theresa in all of us. Contrary to popular belief I am of the opinion that it is a S&M universe.

And for all the abuse freaks: S&M has NOTHING to do with abuse. They are not the same topic. Then for the politically correct folks: S&M has nothing to do with fascism.

S&M is only an extension of "normie" sex. How hard is too hard. I could go on forever but....

Anyway the article was a real breath of fresh air. Thanks for dispelling the National Enquirer version of S&M.

Tom Hicks

Congratulations!!!

Works In Progress writer Joli Sandoz recently won a Wahington Press Association 1992 "Challenge of Excellence" award. Her WIP article "Civil Rights Eroding in Oregon", published in our October issue, took second place in the "News Reporting: Non-daily newspaper less then 5,000 circulation" category. The WIP article was the only winner from the alternative print press in the state-wide competition, which judged over 800 entries in 98 categories.

What Really Happened at the Westside Center

Dear Editors of WIP,

I am surprised and confused by your recent publication of a letter to Alan Brisley, a member of The Jack-in-The Box Task Force, (made up of 6 people) and Friends of the Westside Center (made up of 20 board members). The Jack-in-Box Task Force is a committee of the Friends of the Westside Center, which has been recognized by the Olympia City Council over the last year. This was not a letter to WIP. It was a personal letter to a individual from our committee. I am also confused by WIP's reasoning, in publishing this personal attack on a member of my committee. Your stated principles indicate you will not publish personal attacks.

I am also confused why WIP has given this women a forum. This letter is from a person who has the Chamber of Commerce as a vehicle for her point of view. I have always supported the WIP for it's "bias" of a voice for the progressive community in Olympia. Are your changing your stated role as "providing a voice for peoples disenfranchised by the dominant culture." I do not believe this means providing space for Realtors, who's goal are profits. Does WIP see itself as a neutral mediator between profits and people? I hope not.

The letter talks about an event, organized by our committee, to support and promote the locally owned business in the Westside Center. The second annual event of this kind, we were present on the corner of Harrison and Division to celebrate the successes of our group, over the last year. These successes include; better leases for the tenants, zoning studies, sponsored by the City of Olympia, and new community awareness of ways to impact strip mall development in the neighborhood.

That celebration was stopped by this women calling the police, who threatened to arrest us for criminal trespass. We had the permission and support of the Westside tenants, including Petersons, Rainy Day Records, Dirty Daves, and the Asterisk, to be there. They lease the building, and we thought, the parking lot.

Publishing this letter without a response seems in direct contradiction of your stated principles. The 2000 plus signatures of support for the efforts of the Friends of the Westside certainly must put into question the opinion of this one realtor staff. At the very least, the WIP should have looked into the allegations of this person, or given the Jack-In-The Box Task force an opportunity to respond at the time of publication of this personal attack.

If the WIP would have checked this person's allegations, you would have found out that, this women's bosses sat in Rainy Day Records the morning of the Shop-in, and watched as their employee confronted the community members. You would, if you would have asked a couple of questions, found out that this women is part of the new "Property Rights Group" being organized in Thurston County. It is her office that these meetings are taking place. If you would have asked, you would have found out, I was the main person running the shop-in that day. I was at the parking lot from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. I identified myself to both this women and to the police officers.

I believe the confrontation in the Westside Center's parking lot is a back-lash to the neighborhood's organizing efforts to have some measure of control of local development. This effort is centered around supporting locally owned businesses (which means exposing landlords that double the rent, thus forcing locally owned businesses out) and Westside Center neighborhood access (which means raising questions about traffic congestion, parking lot grid lock, and zoning). This effort is supported by the City of Olympia in it's vision for the city.

My memory of the confrontation was that the women who wrote Alan Brisley, refused to talk with me, but rather stood very close to the police officers she called. I did not see her being confronted by Dan, rather the police were attempting to arrest us. Not a very intimidating situation for her. In my professional capacity, I teach sexual harassment classes. I am extremely sensitive to harassing situations. That person had made up her mind that she was in a hostile situation. No amount of calm response on our part, helped. I attempted to show her our coupons, our promotional and our raffles. She just kept getting more upset, saying we were on private property. She threatened to stand in my front yard at least three times while I calmly explained that we had permission to stand at the corner.

Publishing her accusations about Dan is in direct contradiction to your stated principles about publishing personal attacks. Her letter was unwarranted and untrue. Dan should be honored for his work. He has been one of the strongest advocates for women workers' rights. He has been at the forefront of organizing for the rights of the community.

By the time her bosses came out, many of the community members had left. The issue of our presence had been decided. Not because of the threat of being arrested, but because the celebration was disrupted by the presence of local law enforcement. The llamas left. We had organized a raffle for a trip to the Olympics. The hot cider was removed, parents did not want their children involved with a dispute. The coupons for several of the businesses could not be handed out. We had arranged with the Westside Shopping Center to give coupons for free coffee, low cost ice cream, and pop. Hardly a group putting down the local businesses.

I did spend the rest of the day in front of Petersons, talking with our many supporters and giving out coupons.

One part of her portrait of the morning is accurate. Part of the work of the neighborhood, has been to oppose the building of a Jack-in-the Box on the corner of Harrison and Division. Given the recent deaths related to that corporation, I am not surprised she did not mention it. Not exactly smart to attack us for raising concerns about that particular fast-food restaurant. Please, as a community newspaper, in the future, ask the community before publishing the position of "Property Rights Groups" I am a property owner on the Westside, but I am also one of the persons defined in your principles.

In Unity, Helen Lee
Third Generation Olympian
Friends of the Westside Center
Jack-in-the-box Task Force

In memoriam

Founding Co-Chair Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

Reverend Wendell Morris
1945-1993

"We shall not forget."

Truth About Events at the Westside Center

Dear Editors of WIP,

As a board member of the Friends of the Westside Center who is on the Jack in the Box Task force I want to respond to Tina Christian's letter addressed to Mr. Brisley. This woman is using her gender to discredit our Holiday Shop-In event at the Westside Center.

In her letter Tina Christian attacks us for wanting to know her titled position. She claims that we would not believe her. Actually we could not get a straight answer from her. Whether she be a man or woman I would expect a straight answer. She sat in her car or stayed very closely to the police all the while giving the police commands to kick us off because we were standing on "private property". I believe that the parking lot is rented to the leasees for use and we had authority and support to conduct this event from them.

In this letter, Tina also mentions that we talked with her and not Rob Kildow or Nick Adams. Nick Adams showed up after we began to take the tent down under threat of arrest. The group had dispersed from our Holiday Shop-In. I knew that Rob Kildow was talking with a store owner inside Dirty Daves Pizza while the event unfolded. It appears that he left Tina Christian to deal with us alone. I do not think dealing with Tina was sexism. On the contrary if we went to speak to Rob Kildow, that would have been a sexist move on our part. That action would have suggested that she is not competent enough to deal with the situation.

Tina Christian, a representative of the real estate establishment, used her position as a woman to slander and discredit a community activist. Tina claims Dan Leahy got in her face. This hard working well known community organizer was at the event for only a short period of time as he had a Christmas gathering in Seattle. I was at the event the entire time as were many others. I did not once see Dan even close to Tina Christian. I know what harassment is like. Tina Christian was not harassed.

Kelley Janes

District Meeting with Jolene During March on Washington

A Third Congressional District meeting with Congresswoman Jolene Unsoeld is scheduled for 8 pm to 9 pm on Friday, April 23, in Washington D.C. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the April 25 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, which is expected to draw over one million affectional minorities to the nation's capital.

Congresswoman Unsoeld will meet with constituents to talk about our goals for equal rights in Room 2261 of the Rayburn House Office Building, which is just across the street from the Capitol Building at the corner of Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street. Enter at the doorway on South Capitol Street and take the elevator to the second floor. For security reasons, the capital police will ask each person in attendance to present a valid Washington state drivers license or identification card when entering the building.

To confirm your attendance at the meeting, or to request more information, please call Curt Pavola in Olympia at 357-3715. Leave a message with your name, city, and telephone number.

Noted Author Discusses "Talk Story"

Daring Diversity: South Puget Sound Community College's Artist & Lecture Series presemts

Maxine Hong Kingston
8 pm, Sunday, April 25
at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts

A Chinese-American author who has pioneered the "talk story" genre of novel writing, Kingston is an influential writer who has given voice to a largely unheard segment of America's population: Asian-American women.

Winner of the 1977 National Book Critics Circle Award for "The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts," and the 1981 National Book Award for "Chinamen," Maxine Hong Kingston employs the Chinese tradition of "talk story." Her latest book, "Tripmaster Monkey," was published in 1989.

In her novels, stories and poems, she weaves together memories and mythology with a voice that is at once moving, revealing and funny.

Tickets are $18, $16 or $14 ($16, $14 and $12 for students and seniors). tickets can be ordered at Ticketmaster outlets such as The Wherehouse and Disc Jockey or by calling Ticketmaster at 628-0888. Tickets are also available at the Washington Center Box Office at 753-8586.

This Artist & Lecture Series event is sponsored by The South Puget Sound Community College Foundation.

Native American Storytelling Conference

Five day conference presents leading practioners of storytelling who draw on Native American traditions. The conference is co-sponsored by South Puget Sound Community College and the Cedar Tree Institute, a Tacoma-based nonprofit organization.

"The goal of the conference is for participants to experience and apply story-based learning techniques to their own lives, work and the larger community," says Cedar Tree Institute Coordinator Tom Heidlebaugh. "The Cedar Tree teachings are a total immersion in traditional values applied to contemporary needs."

Two evening presentations are open to the public, as part, of the intensive five-day series of workshops.

Skokomish spiritual leader Bruce Miller will speak at the conference's opening ceremony
Tuesday, March 30 @ 7pm
SPSCC Gymnasium

Miller has worked for the revival of traditional cultural practices of the Pacific Northwest and, as a teacher, has developed curriculum for his people based on the old ways.

Educator and author Kieran Egan will speak on "The New Paradigm of Story"
Thursday, April 1 @ 7pm
SPSCC Gymnasium

Egan is author of "Teaching as Storytelling: An Alternative Approach to Teaching and Curriculum in the Elementary School." He teaches the application of storytelling at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

Admission for each of these events is $4 for adults and $3 for students. Tickets for groups of 10 or more cast $2 per person. For more information on Cedar Tree Conference events, contact Clint Hackney at 206-584-7007.

Works In Progress

Mission Statement: This organization is dedicated to promoting mutual understanding among diverse cultural groups and providing a voice for peoples disenfranchised by the dominant culture. We encourage the presentation of material by those most affected by exclusionary and unfair practices. Our aim is to explore the meanings of injustice and democratic participation in our society and in relation to the emerging global transition.

Anti-Discrimination Clause: We will collectively endeavor to be sensitive and respectful to all those oppressed in this society, and their issues. However, if and when we should make a mistake in this regard, we expect to acknowledge it and to express regret for injury or insult given.

The following statement will become part of the Editorial Policy and will be the governing tool for the Anti-Discrimination Clause: *WIP will make every effort to work with the contributor of material considered by WIP to be offensive in order to reach a mutually agreed upon resolution, but WIP reserves the right as a last resort to edit or not print submitted material.*

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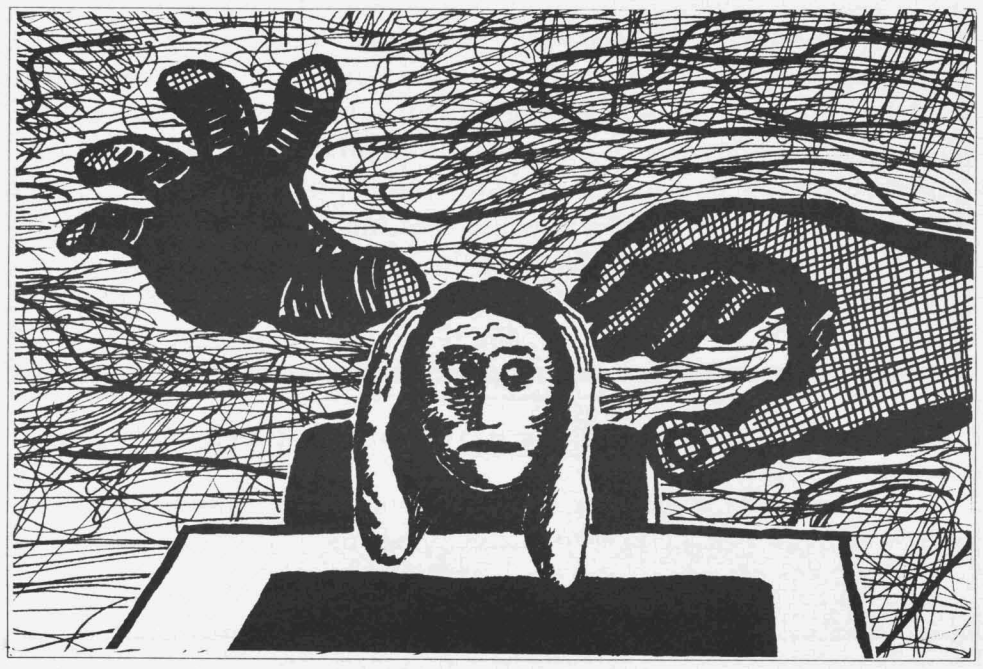
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity/Environmental Illness

Sick Building Syndrome

Karen McDonell

A steadily growing number of healthy individuals are being disabled by acquiring an acute sensitivity to chemicals. This sensitivity usually develops from chronic, low-level exposure to chemicals or a massive exposure. This group of people, who call themselves canaries, believe that they are the first of our species to reach the threshold of tolerance to chemical substances. Whether it was pesticide exposure, sick building syndrome, formaldehyde poisoning, lead, solvents, etc., it all seems to have a common result: an extreme sensitivity to chemicals and odors which manifests as brain dysfunction, chronic and debilitating fatigue, severe respiratory impairment, immune system failure, neurotoxicity.... Many of us liken chemical sensitivity to having a sixth sense--different systems in our bodies react to chemical stimuli. These reactions are not pleasant ones like those enjoyed by our other senses. With the advent of laser-printers on desktops and our society's nonchalant attitude toward chemical dangers, the number of canaries will rapidly rise in this coming decade. Already we have a health care crisis--is it because everyone is sick?



Scientists theorize that chronic exposure to harmful chemicals, particularly volatile organic compounds, has led to cell damage in the olfactory system. The olfactory system is the normal pathway by which airborne chemicals interact with the brain and the limbic system, which is located very close to the olfactory bulb, and is the focal point in the brain where the immune, nervous, and endocrine systems interact. The cell damage in this system allows substances normally protected from entry into the brain to make their way into the brain. Chemical sensitivity is like a brain allergy. The olfactory system has known links to the hypothalamus and other parts of the limbic system of the brain. The hypothalamus acts as an analytical laboratory, computer controller, and hormone controller for the entire body. It governs body temperature, reproductive physiology and behavior, feeding, drinking, and metabolism and aggressive behavior. It also influences some functions of the immune system, sends electrical signals to the nervous system, and produces its own hormones. Tests have shown that substances placed in the oropharynx migrate to the brain in minutes via a pathway other than the blood stream and in higher concentrations than if administered via the gastrointestinal tract. Thus, molecules that are inhaled and contact the olfactory apparatus influence functions in other parts of the brain. In patients with MCS, strong odors, and even milder ones provoke increased electrical activity in the amygdala and hippocampal areas of the limbic system. Subsensory exposure to chemicals can cause protracted, if not permanent, alterations in the electrical activity of the brain. Even unperceived low concentrations of airborne chemicals can induce changes in brain electrical activity. It is also widely believed that another mechanism of chemical sensitivity is damage to the immune system by chronic exposure to chemicals.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is another disease whose research is focusing on the deregulation of the limbic system. Literally hundreds of people are suffering from this disabling condition here in Washington State. Here scientists theorize that the limbic system is mainly affected, again sending deregulated messages to the body.

What I feel in reaction to chemicals and other substances is a wide array of brain, neurologic, cardiac and gastrointestinal reactions, such as right face numbness, tunnel vision, blurred vision, jumping vision, ear aches, feels like my brain swells, burning nerves, memory problems, cannot think, migraine headaches, tremors, metal taste in my mouth, pains in my heart, irritable bowell syndrome, hyperactivity, aching joints, balance problems, extreme fatigue, feel like I'm walking like a crab, power failures in my brain....

...our society's nonchalant attitude toward chemical dangers, the number of canaries will rapidly rise in this coming decade. Already we have a health care crisis--is it because everyone is sick?

In addition, and as a result of my sensitivity, I have developed an intolerance to many foods, coffee, and sugar. My thyroid and pancreas no longer function normally. My brain does not function the way it used to. Memories and information do not adhere; I have problems with comprehension, my math skills are impaired, my coordination is off. I feel like my neurological connection between mind and body is very vulnerable and is malfunctioning.

What is so unfortunate about having multiple chemical sensitivity is that you cannot avoid exposures to substances that affect you. They are in laundry products, building materials, perfumes, cleaning products, car and truck exhaust, outdoor air, etc.

One of my primary concerns is that the Department of Labor & Industries is using the debate in the medical community regarding MCS to quash victims entitlements to workman's compensation benefits. I have spoken with a number of individuals who have had experiences similar to mine, where the Dept. sends these victims to doctors who are clearly on the opposing side of this medical debate, they make them out to be psychosomatic malingerers and cutoff their financial support. This is happening again and again and bears investigation. In my opinion, it is inexcusable to put someone who is very ill through such trauma and I welcome the Board of Health to use my case as an example of this treatment.

Karen McDonell is a Public Health Advocate. ✦

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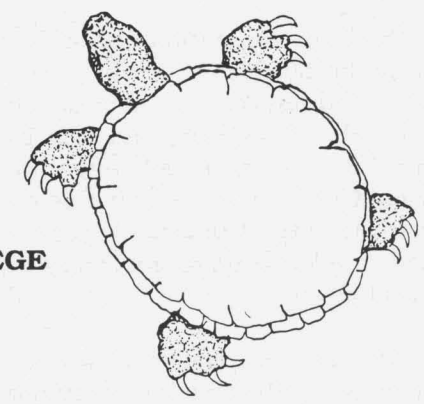

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Along the Color Line

The Politics of Evil

Dr. Manning Marable

Throughout the twentieth century, there has been a long tradition in American and western European politics of separating "politics" from questions of "morality" or "morals." Part of this separation stemmed from the necessary and progressive division of church and state, which is expressed in the American Constitution. There was also the necessity in an ethnically pluralistic society to create a framework for tolerance of divergent religious and spiritual beliefs and values.

Leaders of conservative movements and parties have frequently criticized what they termed the "moral relativism" of liberals. Reactionary politicians such as Patrick Buchanan and Ronald Reagan argued that the former Soviet Union was the "Evil Empire", and that the struggle against Communism was in reality a moral conflict against "evil." Similarly, the conservatives at the 1992 Republican National Convention declared war against Americans favoring freedom of choice on the issue of abortion, gay rights and multicultural education, characterizing these debates in good vs. evil terminologies.

We must reject and denounce the narrow-minded intolerance of the American Right, and insist upon a definition of democracy which is broadly pluralistic, open to the contributions of all people with different religions, racial heritages, languages, and sexual orientations. But I believe that we must reexamine the liberal tendency to turn all political discussions away from moral and ethical contexts. Traditionally, theologians and religious leaders have used the concept of "evil" to describe a force beyond human origins which motivates individuals and groups to commit destructive and terrible actions. But evil is better understood in politics as deliberate, calculated actions which are designed to destroy human potential, activity and aspirations

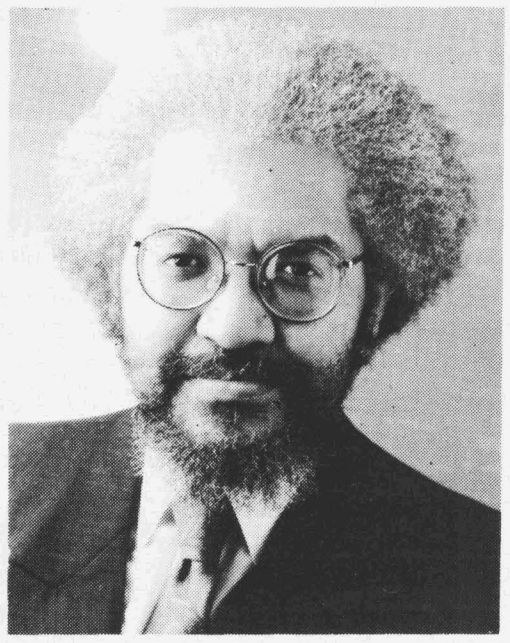
After listening to one of my lectures on the social and economic destructiveness of the Reagan-Bush administrations--the doubling of the number of homeless people in the 1980s, attacks on affirmative action, the slashing of funds for public education, etc.--one student exclaimed: "The real problem with these Reagan conservatives is that they are not only 'politically incorrect", they're also evil."

Does "evil" exist in politics? I see evil in the angry, hate-filled faces of homophobic gangs who surround and beat lesbians and gay men, because of their sexual orientation. That "evil" is absorbed into the political behavior and assumptions of "mainstream America," and is manifested in the widespread opposition to the end of discriminatory restrictions on gays and lesbians in the military. In electoral politics, that same evil was a factor behind the passage of Colorado's antigay amendment last year.

There was evil in the malignant decisions of Reagan administration bureaucrats, who once redefined catsup and relish as "vegetables" for federally-funded school lunches. For poor children, such a decision weakens the nutritional value of their only decent meal during the day.

There is evil in the arguments of those well-to-do Americans who insist that this society cannot afford a national health care system. In effect, the thirty seven million Americans who lack healthcare coverage, or the half-million who were turned away from emergency clinics in 1992 solely because they had no insurance or money, are being told we that quali-ty health isn't a human right. Shouldn't we ask ourselves, how many thousands of children will die this year, because their parents living in poverty or unemployment lacked the funds to take their ill daughters or sons to the hospital? If we ignore the moral dimension of the crisis in health care, we may never convince a majority of Americans to break from a profit-driven system of health services.

There is evil in the "new racism" of the 1990s. We no longer have the crude segregation of the "white" and "colored" signs at hotels, schools and restaurants, or the snaring police dogs attacking unarmed, nonviolent protestors. But the new evil is the pervasive system- of inequality, the deteriorating incomes of families, the trafficking of crack in our neighborhoods, and the undermining of hope and opportunity for or an entire generation of young Latinos and African-Americans. As Martin Luther King observed, "the strands of prejudice toward Negroes are tightly wound around the American character. " To uproot "the broader dimensions of the evil" will require the examination of "the full extent of the disease." There is "evil" in racism, sexism, poverty, and homophobia, and we must understand that to fight for human rights is to fight for the human spirit.



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Capsule OCA History

Last month some lines were inadvertently deleted from Joli Sandoz's article on the OCA. Here is a complete reprint.

1987 • OCA founded, by Lon Mabon, Dick Younts, and T.J. Bailey.
•OCA opposes state legislation for pre-kindergarten programs, parental leave, and state divestment from South Africa.

1988 • The OCA spearheads their first "No Special Rights" campaign, a successful conservative coalition effort to overturn an execu tive order forbidding anti-gay discrimination in state agencies. The final statewide vote is 53% to 47% (626,751 to 561,355.) The Oregon Court of Appeals reinstated the gay-rights measure in 1992.
•OCA activists control selection of Oregon delegates to the GOP national convention.

1989 •On behalf of the Oregon Pro-life Coalition, the OCA introduces a ballot initiative which would make abortion virtually illegal in Oregon.
•OCA sponsors a bill to prevent gay men and lesbians from being certified as foster parents. Bill blocked in committee.

1990 •OCA independent candidate Al Mobley takes 13% of vote (more than 130,000 votes) in the Oregon governor's race. OCA now a power-broker in Oregon politics.
•OCA sponsors a Youth Congress for Life at the Beaverton Christian Church, kicking off their Kids for Life PAC.

1991 •OCA organizes several pro-war, pro-troops demonstrations, mobilizing more than 7,000 people.
•The OCA affiliates with national religious right group the Christian Coalition.

1992 •The OCA files unsuccessful ballot proposals which would have required voters to approve all new taxes or fee increases, thereby paralyzing Oregon government, and added "political groups" to groups protected under Oregon's existing hate crimes law.
•Voters in Springfield approve an OCA-sponsored anti-gay charter amendment. A similar effort fails in Corvallis.
•Voters reject Measure 9, the OCA's statewide initiative to declare gay men and lesbians "abnormal and perverse"and mandate discrimination against them. More than half a million Oregonians vote for the anti-gay measure.
•An OCA-backed social conservative wins post of GOP chair in Multnomah County (Portland).

1993 •OCA files anti-gay rights initiatives in 32 Oregon cities and counties.
•OCA announces formation of affiliates in Idaho (ICA) and Washington (CAW). All three groups plan to sponsor anti-gay initiatives on the 1994 ballot.
•CAW holds its first meeting, at Minnehaha Church of Christ, in Vancouver, WA.

A Memo to the President

To: Bill Clinton
From: Jerome Johnson, Counselor to the President
Subject: Foreign Policy
CLASSIFICATION: MOST SECRET/Guardian

Per your request, here is a brief outline of what I think as regards U.S. foreign policy. It ain't easy reading; and I expect vigorous debate at the next NSC meeting. However, given budget constraints and the pressing problems here at home, I believe the American people will understand the reasoning of my comments. Congressional support is key, and I have full confidence in your ability to work with the Hill. Needless to say, I'll be glad to assist you in the implementation of this agenda in anyway I can. Briefly:

Bosnia.

I strongly believe that we should stay the hell out of there. We should do no more than continue the airlift, and the M*A*S*H unit there. I had lunch with Gen. Powell and Gen. Mundy last week, and they reinforced a strong conviction that Bosnia is a quagmire we don't need. There is no peace to keep, and it would be madness to send U.S. personnel to enforce something nonexistent. The Serbs, Bosnians and Croats have blood fever just like the Lebanese did, and no one can stop it unless and until they are willing to stop. I don't think we or a coalition occupation force could pacify the Balkans--they would kill Americans (and anyone else) to get at each other, and they would resort to guerilla warfare in terrain ideal for it. Yugoslav partisans frustrated more than 250,000 Axis troops in World War II, and the Special Forces observers I've interviewed say their grandchildren are just as good nowadays. If "something" should be done let the Europeans do it: we've spent billions over decades arming them to the teeth, and it's their neighborhood anyway.

Russia.

As I said at the first NSC meeting Jan. 21st, I think Yeltsin is an uncouth asshole. How he survived the winter, I don't know, but his days are numbered. Stop talking about "democracy" in Russia--there is none because Yeltsin rules by decree, and you sound like an idiot when you say there's "democracy in Russia." Why do you suggest helping him by giving away $700 million? It's pouring money down a black hole. We need the money here. If Yeltsin's survival is so critical to world peace (which I doubt), let the Japanese and the wealthy Gulf states help him while he lasts. Only God can help Boris Nicolaevich. As far as the nukes are concerned, I'm having lunch soon with Jim Woolsey, Gen. McPeak and Marla Hoffman (ACDA) to coordinate increased surveillance per your request.

Middle East.

We've got to do something, about Israeli policy in the occupied territories and Mubarak's police state. I'm flying over there in May for a look-see. I've been talking with Dave Price at State, and he agrees with me that Mubaraks on borrowed time. This crackdown on fundamentalists is a serious mistake -- hasn't he learned anything from the Shah's experience? This habit of invading mosques is especially scary. Moreover, locking up people and committing human rights abuses is not the way to solve the problem -- indeed, quite the opposite. And remember: since the earthquake last fall, it is the fundamentalists who make sure essential services are provided in the poor neighborhoods. and they are mostly incorruptible. Be prepared for an Iran-type revolution in your first term, and when it happens don't make the same mistake Carter did by overtly supporting Mubarak. We should help him to covertly escape (if we can), to a third nation, the way we did with Aristide. Talk to King Fahd about asylum (they took in Amin, after all) or Emir al-Sabah (he still owes us).

I understand that there's a $50 million aid package moving through Congress for Jordan. Increase it to $150 million and push it through -- take money from Israel and Egypt's $3 billion if necessary (now *that's* welfare reform). King Hussein was NOT an ally of Iraq in the Gulf War, he was neutral. Sure, a few supplies leaked across his border, but so what? It is very likely that Saddam would have attacked him if he had closed his border, and he doesn't have any oil. Why should he commit national suicide to placate Bush? King Hussein is no angel, but he can be our best friend in the region and deserves the chance.

You're doing fine as regards Iraq -- keep on leaving Saddam alone. Ditto Libya -- we don't need to repeat Reagan-Bush's genocidal mistakes. Keep an eye on Syria's Assad -- don't kiss his ass and don't trust him.

I think you should continue covert negotiations/contacts with the PLO, and quietly permit them to reopen their interests office at the U.N. We should continue to chaperone the peace process, and keep an eye on Hanan Ashrawi for her safety. Extremists on both sides hate her, and I'm working with Colonel Smith at

Delta Force as we might need to rescue her and relocate her to a place of her choosing in case shit hits the fan. Arafat's Fatah could assist; have our contact raise the idea with them, it couldn't hurt.

Haiti.

Oh, you've really screwed this one up, but it can still be fixed. I think you should quit continuing Bush's policy and use one of your own. It's time to walk our talk -- if we can send more than half a million personnel halfway around the world to restore "freedom" in Kuwait by force, we can and should do it in our hemisphere. I recommend a military operation under U.N./O.A.S. auspices to restore the democratically-elected Aristide to power and a force to support him as long as necessary. An initial aid package of $100 million should be considered -- take it from Israel and Egypt if necessary. Call it Operation BOLERO. Then we don't have to deal with the boat refugee/asylum issue, because once Aristide is in power again we people won't want to leave.

Cuba.

Watch and wait...and stop letting in every Cuban who can get here. It should be equally hard for anyone to get asylum.

Somalia.

Get out of here soonest -- no later than April 15, whether the U.N. is ready or not. Start withdrawing units now -- the first ones in should be the first ones out. By May Day we should just have a reinforced Marine company there for embassy security.

Zaire.

Watch and wait. After Mobutu falls and the smoke clears, encourage democracy, but remember, it's hard to sell Africa to most Americans because of racism.

Mozambique.

Push Boutros-Ghali to get peacekeepers there soonest; if he asks for Americans send no more than a Marine battalion -- if that many. But things look good here, if the people have a chance.

Angola.

Jonas Savimbi is at least as much an asshole as Yeltsin. We helped create him; we should help dis-create him. A Special Forces observer team just got back from there, and Gen. Powell has asked me to sit in on their debriefing. After that I'll get back to you with ideas on what -- if anything -- we should do.

United Nations.

Pay our dues NOW in full.

NAFTA.

Kill this thing now--it's bad for U.S. jobs and therefore, the economy. You might have an ally in the new Canadian Prime Minister, and, as you've already said, you have "concerns about it, I think it will be politically good for you. It'll be excellent for the Labor vote.

Native American Nations.

I include them here, since technically they are sovereign nations with treaty

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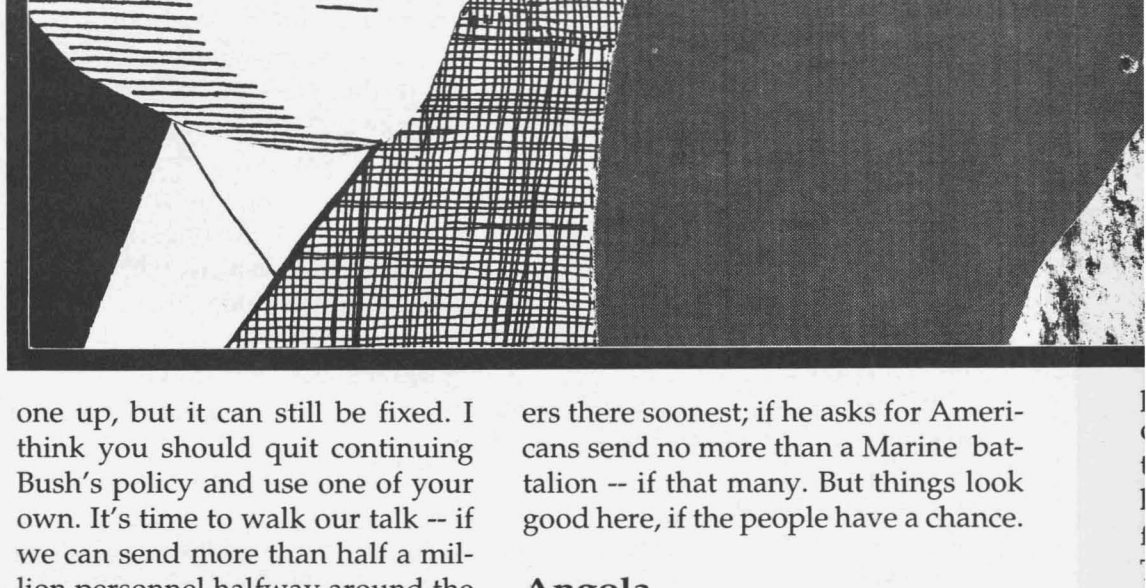

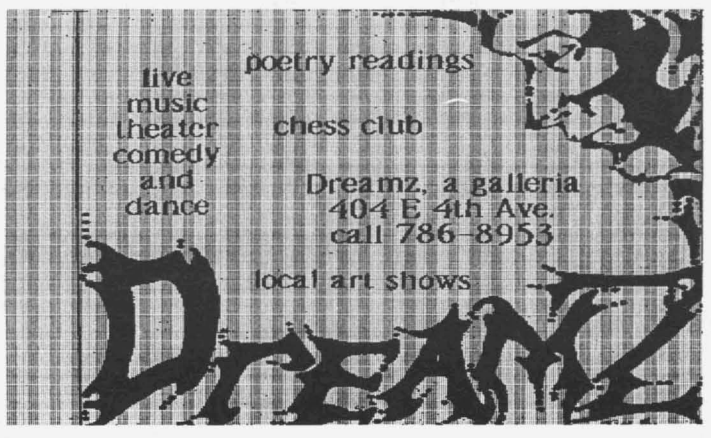

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relationships with the U.S. I think you should pardon Leonard Peltier immediately, and appoint Gary Wessels Galbreath to supervise the dismantling of the BIA. Interior Secretary Babbitt should be directed to enforce treaty obligations in the fullest spirit and letter of the law. Support casino gambling in the Nations, and explore with Gary the phased abolition of the reservation system.

Again, this is a brief overview of the most pressing problems in our foreign

policy. Latin America, Asia and parts of Africa are largely omitted because they are relatively quiet now, but I'll have more on them when I return from my May-June fact-finding tour. The domestic policy memo you asked for is forthcoming, as is the one on military policy.

Best regards to the family.

cc:Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
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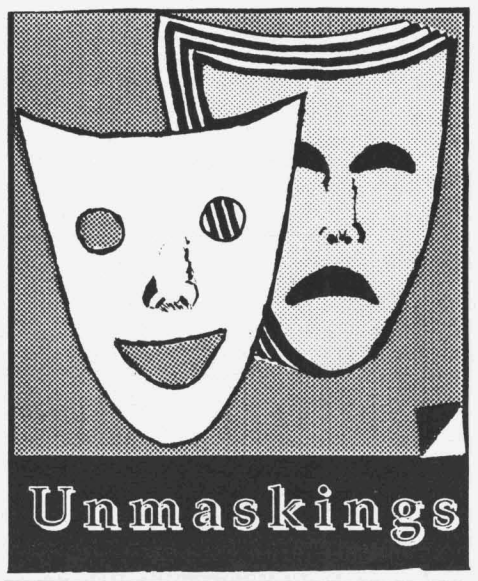

War is not a Humanitarian Act

Ron Jacobs

The Balkans. Let's look at them without pretense. No propaganda.

In Croatia, not only is one deprived of citizenship unless (s)he can prove her/his "Croatian blood", (s)he is also subject to arrest and torture if she or he fails to produce papers proving such a status. In Serbia, where the army already has a reputation for its "ethnic purity" policies, most civil rights have been suspended, newspapers are shut down for opposing the continuation of the war, and right-wing brownshirts roam the streets beating not only non-Serbs, but hippies, punks, known war opponents, and others who do not fit their program. Finally, in Bosnia, the war ravaged citizenry survive hoping for peace while the government escalates the war, spending money needed for food and shelter on weapons. In addition, they reject U.N. aid shipments and peace accords, and hope for outside military intervention. An intervention sure to increase the slaughter on all sides, and spread the suffering to the countries which intervene.

During World War II, there were three primary factions fighting in the Balkans. The Ustasha, who were the Croatian nationalists, sided with the Nazis and were responsible for incredible massacres of Jews and Serbs. On the Serbian side were the Chetniks, a nationalist group with fascist sympathies who sometimes fought against the Ustasha, but ended up fighting with the Ustasha against the fascists and composed of both Serbs and Croats. Many of the partisans were also communist. Bosnia sided with the Ustash and was annexed early in the war by the Croats when Bosnian irregulars failed to capture and keep territory. It is the successors to the Ustasha and the Chetniks who control the situation today.

It should be apparent that none of these governments care much about their people. Their focus is on power. While Bosnians struggle to survive in the shell of Sarajevo, and Serbs hope they can buy bread in a country with over 50% unemployment caused by war and sanctions, the leaders demand more and more at the peace talks. While citizens in all the states mourn the loss of one of their own and fear the military draft taking another, the leaders demand more and more at the peace talks.

The world powers, who at first seemed unsure of their positions, are hardening their support of various factions, if for no other reason than to ensure themselves a say in the division of the spoils sure to follow the war. Germany is now the main supplier of arms to Croatia. Many people in the Russian government urge all-out support of Serbia, including arms. In fact, rumors suggest arms sales are already occurring. As for the U.S., it refuses to support the current peace plan and instead offers a plan of its own. A plan which, more and more, seems to have been designed in the boardrooms of the defense industry. No matter what they suggest: ending the arms embargo to Bosnia, bombing Serbian positions, or sending in ground troops, the masters of war will profit.

We must do more than hope the Clinton people will come to their senses and choose a way to encourage a settlement without bloodshed. We know better. If we oppose this war, we should educate ourselves on the region's history and oppose military intervention. In whatever way we can. Write letters, hold vigils, teach-ins, demonstrations, whatever. This war is just as wrong as the last one. And just as pointless. ✦

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Two Proportional Representation Bills in State Legislature

Steven Hill

• *We have drafted two legislative bills that have been introduced into the WA state legislature.* **House Bill 1594 and its counterpart Senate Bill 5805** would change the Electoral College vote to a proportional representation system reflecting the popular vote. If this bill had been law during the last presidential election, Bill Clinton's 44% of the popular vote would have gained him 5 out of 11 of WA's Electoral College votes, while George Bush's 32% would have gained him 3 E.C. votes and Ross Perot's 24% would have gained him 3 E.C. votes. The other bill, **House bill 1593 and its counterpart Senate Bill 5804,** would allow city governments the *option* of electing their city councils, boards of education and other district bodies by proportional representation.

• We have made *many presentations* and established *important contacts* with the Green Party, the Libertarian Party, United We Stand America (Perot supporters), Jerry Brown delegates, the Rainbow Coalition, Democratic Socialists of America, NOW, the Unitarian Fellowship, the Legislative Caucus of the King County Democrats, the Municipal League, the League of Women Voters and more. As a nonpartisan educational organization, we seek out organizations and individuals who share in common a desire to educate and understand how proportional representation can *increase voter turnout*, give voters more viable choices than two (or in some cases only one!), and elect legislatures that *reflect a diversity of perspectives.* Our mailing list of CPR! supporters is growing rapidly!

•We have received important media coverage, including op-ed pieces in the *Seattle Times, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle Community Catalyst* and other publications and newsletters, articles in the *P-I, the Tacoma News Tribune, the Olympian,* and radio interviews and coverage on KIRO-Seattle, KPLU-Tacoma, KUOW-Seattle, and KXLY-Spokane.

• *CPR!-Washington* is meeting twice a month now in Seattle. The second Monday we have an educational meeting at 6:30 pm at the University branch of the Seattle Public Library, 50th and Roosevelt NE. The fourth Monday we have a business meeting for those who have attended the educational meeting at least once and wish to be part of an on-going group working to spread the word about proportional representation. That meeting is at 6:30 pm at the Couth Buzzard Bookstore, 7221 Greenwood Ave. N. *We are hoping to establish more CPR!-Washington meetings around the state in the not-too-distant future.*

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National Organization Also Charging Ahead

The National Advisory Board has brought together an impressive and diverse group of prominent political leaders, public interest advocates and election systems experts. The National Advisory Board is now chaired by John Anderson, former Congressman and independent presidential candidate in 1980. As of February 1, a new national office has been opened with an address at 6905 5th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20012. The new telephone number is (202) 882-7378.

Other accomplishments:

• With the assistance of a local CPR! chapter and national CPR! director Rob Richie, *the Cincinnati City Council has voted to change the way council members are elected to a semi-PR electoral system known as cumulative voting.*

• There are now CPR! chapters forming in Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, northern California, Santa Cruz, Arizona, and Minnesota.

• CPR! has been profiled in the *Los Angeles Times, the Progressive Review, New Age Journal, the World Freedom Bulletin* (a Libertarian publication) and more. Articles and commentaries by CPR! members have been published in *the New York Times, Atlantic Monthly, The Christian Science Monitor, Cincinnati Post, The Progressive, Utne Reader, National Civic Review, In These Times, Crossroads, Cleveland Plain-Dealer,* and other publications.

• National CPR! has been certified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

No Shortage of Ideas!

As you can see, this effort is moving forward on both state and national levels. There's no shortage of ideas. Only a shortage of time, money and volunteers. And that's where you come in. We know you are a supporter of proportional representation. Now we'd like you to be a supporter of **Citizens for Proportional Representation**, the only state and national organization dedicated to informing the electorate about the impact of voting systems and the advantages of the electoral system used by **MOST** of the democracies in the world -- proportional representation.

We want you to join our state and national organization to support this important educational work (a membership coupon is included, and a membership in CPR!-Washington automatically signs you up for CPR!-National). By becoming a member, you not only financially support CPR!, but you also receive important updates about the national effort from National President Matthew Cossolotto. And you will receive phone calls and mailings from CPR!-Washington about our legislative bills and other important items requiring your attention (in fact, we need your urgent phone calls right now in support of **House Bill 1594 and Senate Bill 5804.** See enclosed information).

Together, we can push this effort forward! Please become a CPR! member today!

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Steven Hill is the CPR!-Washington, State Director. ✦

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Bowl for N.O.W.

The Thurston County chapter of N,O.W. (National Organization for Women) is holding a fundraiser bowl-a-thon. Tuesday night April 13th, members, friends, supporters will gather at 6:30 pm at the Westside Lanes (on Harrison in the Westside Center) for an evening of fun and fund raising. Bowlers obtain pledges for each pin knocked down or each game finished! Proceeds go to continue the education, action, and organization of the many issues concerning women which NOW supports. Join us if you can. If you cannot, pledges can be called in to NOW at 357-7272 and assigned to another bowler.

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Homophobia at the Health-Food Store

Karen Nothstein

As a frequent patron of J-Vee Health Foods located in Lacey and Tumwater, I was outraged by the homophobic bigotry of J-Vee owner Virginia Mugartegui during a recent work session for a grass-roots nutritional group. Her first misstatement was that homosexuality is caused by improper nutrition. Well, my homosexual friends eat well, (some are vegetarians) and take vitamins and dietary supplements, and are *still* homosexuals; and the "straight" people I know who eat lousy food or eat well are *still* straight. So I'd like to know where she came up with such preposterous, unscientifically-based rubbish.

Ms. Mugartegui also stated, parroting typical right-wing propaganda, that homosexuals should not be entitled to "special rights" that she's not entitled to, and that she shouldn't be forced by the government to hire a homosexual or someone who has AIDS. (I got the impression she thinks the two are synonymous.) Ms. Mugartegui is correct in that the government shouldn't force anyone to do anything, but she needs to understand that homosexuals are not asking for special rights, but for basic civil rights. Without anti-discrimination laws that specifically include sexual orientation, homosexuals and gays can be kicked out of their apartments, denied service in restaurants and hotels, and fired from their jobs simply because of their sexual orientation. And why shouldn't a homosexual's partner be entitled to company medical and insurance benefits? Or have the right to adopt a child rather than having the kid shifted from foster home to foster home?

Ms. Mugartegui said she felt that homosexuals should stay "in the closet" because she doesn't want their sexual beliefs crammed down her throat. How can injustice be corrected if people do not speak up for their rights?

When I stated the obvious to Ms Mugartegui that homosexuals were just people like you and I, she snapped that the liberals have brainwashed me and insisted that homosexuals are not "whole" people (whatever that means) and that homosexuals are child abusers. Two of my homosexual friends have a four year old son who is well loved and cared for, but Ms. Mugartegui apparently didn't want to be confused with facts.

Ms. Mugartegui also had the audacity to proclaim herself a "Constitutionalist." She said that the Constitution states that America is a Christian nation, but thankfully I was unable to find such a statement in the document or in the Declaration of Independence, for that matter. What I did find was that "all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Yes, Ms. Mugartegui, this includes homosexuals.

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Bigotry and hatred are learned behaviors. I think we should help Ms. Mugartegui un-learn them by educating her via boycott, letter writing and picketing of her Lacey and Tumwater stores. Maybe then she'll realize that she is no Constitutionalist, but a bigot trying to hide behind America's greatest document.

It's a shame to see people who insist on ignorance because of fear that they might learn something and have to change. Please, Ms. Mugartegui, live and let live and think for yourself instead of falling for right-wing Christian hate propaganda. ✦

The Bike Commuter Contest

Dave Morris and Rhys Roth, Energy Outreach Center

This May, join in South Sound's 6th annual Bicycle Commuter Contest. It's a great way to take positive action to improve our community, increase your health, and make the world a more sustainable and just place to live.

Bicycling is a healthful and ecologically sane way to get around our community. Leaving your car at home (or getting rid of it altogether) improves our quality of life and saves you money. Believe it or not, it can save you time as well. The average worker spends 20% of their income to keep the car going. Factoring in time spent to pay for your car, and its maintenance and insurance, drops your average travel speed to about 5-7 miles per hour. Slow compared to a bicycle.

Bicycling also frees you from complicity in the activities of powerful oil conglomerates which continue to do great harm to indigenous peoples and to pollute communities around the world. Bicycling is great for your body and your conscience!

So, take the first step and sign up for next month's Bicycle Commuter Contest. Contest participants rack up mileage through the month of May by bicycling to and from work or school. Errands run by bicycle count too. Prizes are donated by local businesses and are awarded to winning teams and individuals in several categories.

It's easy to sign-up, and the registration fee is a mere $10 (including a 100% cotton Bike Commuter Contest t-shirt!), or $6 without the shirt. Increase your chances of winning by forming a workplace team.

Passionate bicycle advocates can stake claim to their choice of volunteer activities. Local business owners can donate contest prizes and/or offer discounts on small items to contest participants.

To sign-up or learn more, call the Energy Outreach Center at 943-4595 or drop us a line at 503 W. 4th Avenue, Olympia WA 98501.

Shop Smart Program

More than 200 people in the Olympia area are now shopping with recycling and waste reduction in mind using tips gleaned from a new program launched in September 1992.

The Shop Smart program, offered monthly at Food Pavilion on Olympia's east side, is now poised to expand to a second store this fall.

"We are very pleased with the interest of the public in cutting down on the amount of waste going into our landfill," said Rita R. Robison, chair of Thurston Action for Waste Reduction, the group offering the one-hour tours. "People often comment that they have learned many new ways during the tours to reduce waste as they make shopping decisions."

For example, shoppers are encouraged to buy bulk, avoid single-serving containers and avoid plastic containers coded with a #3, 5, or 7. These plastics are not recyclable in the Olympia area, even though they are coded with a number surrounded by a recycling symbol.

Volunteers for the Shop Smart program are needed who can offer four to eight hours a month to lead tours, sign up people to take tours, or provide other assistance. Training will be provided.

If you would like to help out, call Ms. Robison at 754-9651, or call the City of Olympia at 753-8360.

The Shop Smart tours are sponsored by the Thurston County League of Women Voters, Sasquatch Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the City of Olympia's Waste Reduction.

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Urgent News About Snapple®

Zachary D. Lyons

Nutshell: *The Boycott Monthly* has received a number of inquiries regarding a rumored boycott of the Snapple® Beverage Corporation (Snapple). At this time we have not been able to verify the existence of any boycott, organized or otherwise, of Snapple. Furthermore, we have received correspondence from officers of Snapple asking for our help in clarifying the situation.

Editorial:

At the Center for Economic Democracy (CED), it is our goal to provide fair and unbiased accountings of boycott disputes based on a trust we place in our readers to sort through the information we provide them and decide for themselves, based on their own personal values and beliefs, what course of action they wish to take relative to any particular boycott. The CED is not anti-business, but pro-consumer empowerment. We believe that companies should conduct their business in a responsible and accountable manner, and that consumers should use their economic votes to judge companies.

However, the CED also believes that individuals and organizations who call for boycotts should conduct themselves in a responsible and accountable manner as well. Unfortunately, this is not always the case, so the CED is equally committed to setting the record straight when our research shows that a company has been irresponsibly victimized by an individual or organization that has not reported the facts fairly and refuses to retract its unfair presentations, or when nameless, faceless individuals or organizations spread damaging rumors of boycotts based on unsubstantiated wrong-doings, and do not come forward to take credit for their own actions.

If the Economic Democracy movement is to be successful in revolutionizing the way our society does business, those of us in the movement must hold ourselves to the same standards we intend to hold over the corporations we target for reform.

Snapple®

The Snapple® Beverage Corporation (Snapple) appears to be a victim of just such an irresponsible and unaccountable attack. Some individual or group has been spreading a rumor that a boycott has been called of Snapple products because the company allegedly gave money to Pro-Life organizations. No individual or organization has come forward to take credit for organizing the boycott of Snapple. Nor has any individual or group come forward to provide any evidence to support the allegations against Snapple. Of the three organizations that track and report on boycotts in the United States, the CED, Co-op America and the Institute for Consumer Responsibility, all report no knowledge whatsoever of anyone organizing a boycott of Snapple for any reason.

What follows is the complete text of a letter to the CED from Snapple's Director of Consumer Marketing, Jude Hammerle, dated March 1, 1993, followed by the complete text of a sworn affidavit we received from Snapple's Chief Operating Officer, Arnold Greenberg, which was notarized on October 28, 1992:

"We have received several inquiries relating to a rumor that Snapple is providing funding or making contributions to anti-abortion groups. Such information is totally untrue!

"Although we support many charitable causes and recently sponsored our Annual Golf & Tennis Benefit for NYU/Kaplan Cancer Medical Center, which raised more than a quarter million dollars for Cancer Research, we do not support or provide funds for any organizations involved in controversial or political positions.

"We have tried unsuccessfully to ascertain the source of these untrue rumors. If you can furnish us with any additional information we would be appreciative. If you would also inform other people that this information is untrue, maybe together we can put an end to this unsubstantiated rumor.

The Snapple® Beverage Corporation (Snapple) appears to be a victim of just such an irresponsible and unaccountable attack.

"Thank you again for your true concern.

"Yours truly, Jude Hammerle, Director, Consumer Marketing"

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"STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NASSAU

"ARNOLD GREENBERG, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

"1. That I am the Chief Operating Officer of SNAPPLE BEVERAGE CORP., having its principal office at 175 North Central Avenue, Valley Stream, New York.

"2. For the last several months, we have heard rumors from multiple sources in the Metropolitan New York City area, Long Island, upstate New York and recently from various sources in California that SNAPPLE purportedly donates a certain percentage of its profits to either Operation Rescue or to other Pro-Life groups. This affidavit is being furnished to you to certify that this outrageous rumor is absolutely false and untrue.

"3. SNAPPLE scrupulously avoids having the Corporation take any position on any political or sensitive personal issues. We do not make any contributions to any organizations that take positions on such issues.

"4. The principal charity which SNAPPLE supports is the KAPLAN COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER of NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER. For the past two years, we have sponsored a celebrity golf and tennis outing at which event several hundred thousand dollars was raised through our efforts.

"5. We also contribute beverages to genuine charitable ventures of every type and nature throughout the nation as do our many Distributors who participate in local charitable events.

"6. At no time has SNAPPLE ever participated in any program (nor to our knowledge have any of our Distributors) supporting any Pro-Life groups.

"7. We have attempted to ascertain the source of these outrageous rumors without success. We have also attempted to respond to every inquiry relating to this subject in letter form.

"8. After one of our representatives explained the truth about our company to one organization on the West Coast, that organization continued to spread the rumor, despite our spoken assurance that it was false. I am executing this affidavit under oath to certify to any and all recipients that the information which we are furnishing is accurate and true.

"9. Neither SNAPPLE, nor any SNAPPLE Distributors to our knowledge, make any contributions supporting either Pro-Life or Pro-Choice groups.

"ARNOLD GREENBERG

"Sworn to before me this 28th day of October 1992, Martin Kramer, Notary Public, State of New York."

Anyone having additional information on the Snapple boycott rumor is asked to send that information to us at the Center for Economic Democracy, PO Box 64, Olympia, WA 98507-0064. For more information, you may contact Snapple as follows: Arnold Greenberg, COO, Snapple® Beverage Corporation, 175 N Central Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580, (516) 872-4800.

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Sixth Annual

Northwest International Lesbian/ Gay Film Festival

The Northwest International Lesbian Gay Film Festival enters its sixth year with pride and excitement as we put together the largest and most diverse festival of its kind in the Northwest. The Festival will once again be held at The Evergreen State College, in Olympia, Washington. Films will begin Friday night, April 30, and continue showing through Sunday, May 2, with the keynote speaker and Festival Dance on Saturday night. Over 50 films are scheduled for screening. Some of the films that will be shown are: *Double the Trouble, Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien, Two Spirit People, Framing Lesbian Fashion, Oy Gay, Women Like That, Prayer Before Birth,* and *Skin Complex.*

Our keynote speaker this year will be London based film maker Pratibha Parmar, winner of several international awards for her films *Khush,* and *A Place of Rage.* She has also made several films for England's Channel 4 Lesbian and Gay series OUT. Following Parmar's presentation on Saturday will be the Annual Film Festival dance.

The entire event is wheelchair accessible. Free community housing is available. Child care is available on a sliding fee scale.

A complete schedule will be released April 1. For more information call the Festival at (206) 866-6000 ext. 6542.

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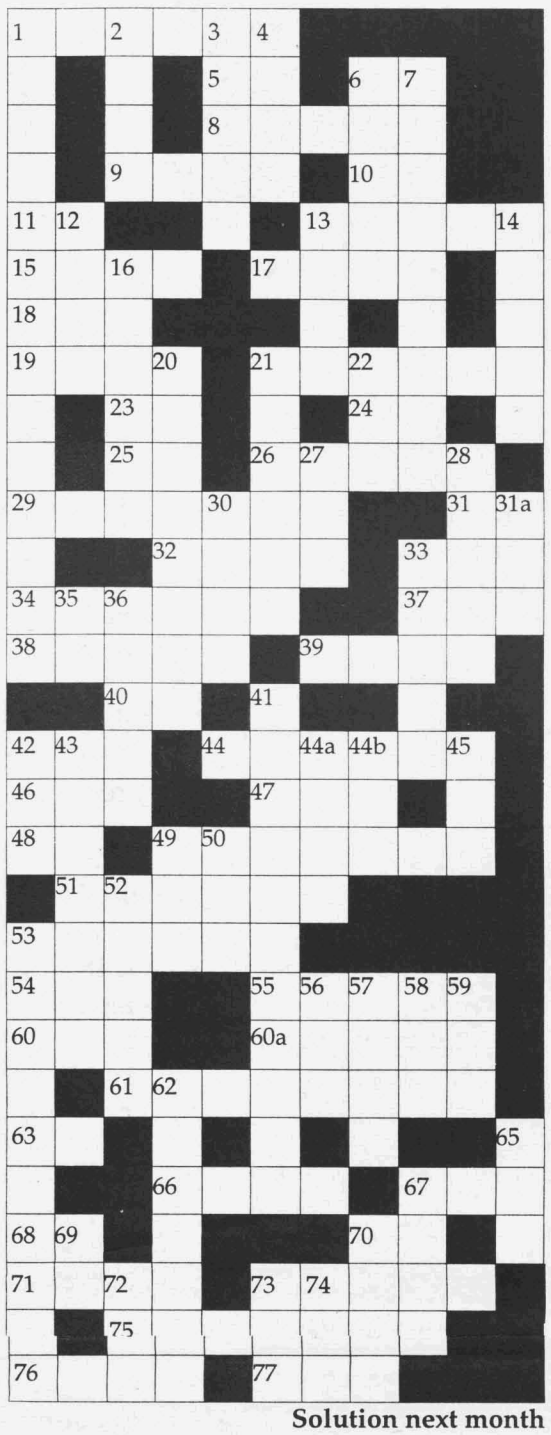


Solution next month

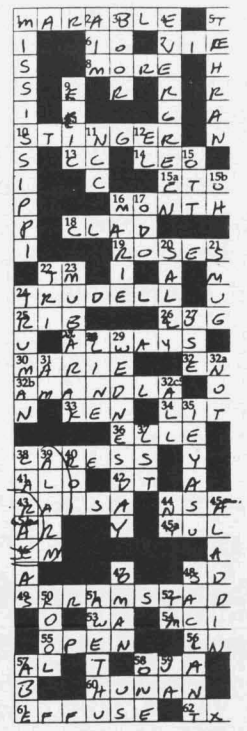
Across

1. Congress of South African Trade Unions
5. Intercity Transit
6. -13
8. __ , Vietnam
9. Captain Hook's First Officer
10. _____ Bean
11. Larry Savage (init).
13. Olympia activists Herb and Shirley
15. Food grain
17. Flower
18. French phone greeting
19. Comedienne Mabley
21. Local physician
23. Morgan Woodward (init).
24. Emergency Room
25. Homeworld of the Green Lantern Corps
26. Guitarist Lee
29. Martial art (2 wds)
31. ___-40
32. "____ with the Wind"
33. ___-Magnon
34. Gardening tool
37. "Raiders of the Lost ____"
38. State of readiness
39. The Enterprise's third captain
40. Route
42. King, in France
44. C/W songster Pflug
46. Wrath
47. Weapon
48. Bud Eckart (nit).
49. Hobby
51. Lt. Commander La Forge
53. African-American scientist
54. Woman's name
55. Actor Zimbalist Jr.
60. ___ Lobos
60a. Genteel
61. Songster Billy
63. Forward Observer
66. Comedian Foxx
67. Baseball implement
68. Enterprise helm officer
70. Hwa Rang ___
71. Sports clothier
73. To muse
75. Environmental hazard
76. "___ and the King of Siam"
77. Our mathematical base

Down

1. Senior ANC official (2 wds)
2. Pluck
3. It takes a licking and keeps on ticking
4. The "___" Reader
6. Sports equipment
7. Host of Code 3 (2 wds)
12. Missile housing
13. What the worlds needs now
14. Cheese
20. Televangelist
21. "____ Run"
22. Nancy Reagan's favorite color
27. Before
28. Exclamation
30. Klaatu's First Officer
31a. ___ choy
33. Woman's name
35. ___ Mencken
36. Scary
41. List (2 wds)
42. To tease
43. Herb
44a. Woman's name
44b. Father's Day gift?
45. KGO Radio's Taliaferro
49. Point Of View
50. Raw material
52. Purge
53. The Golden State
56. Choy Li ___
57. Northwest boon
58. External Vehicle Navigation System (init.)
59. Wah ___ Gaming Club, formerly in Seattle
62. Actress Barbara
65. American Telephone & Telegraph
67. German city
69. Exclamation
70. ____ the Belmonts
72. Barbie's beau
73. East, in Germany
74. Dessert

Last month's solution



Work-A-Thon to Benefit Hunger

The Washington Public Interest Group (WashPIRG) students at The Evergreen State College are sponsoring the Ninth Annual Hunger Cleanup on Saturday April 17th. Work teams of 6 to 10 people are needed to work in the community on that day painting shelters, cleaning playgrounds, and performing other concrete actions.

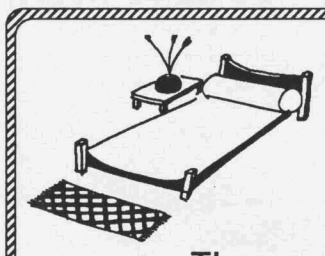
According to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (NSCAHH), the United States is one of the wealthiest nations in the world, yet three million people sleep in cars, in shelters, under bridges, and on the streets. "The Great Depression was the last time we witnessed such severe hunger and homelessness problems in our country," said Allison Bartlett, a volunteer with WashPIRG.

The Hunger Cleanup is a fundraising event for the hungry and the homeless. Members of the work teams will find sponsors for their work time and donations will be pooled together. Fifty percent of the money collected will be given to a local shelter and the other fifty percent will go to national and international hunger relief projects through NSCAHH.

"We have a strong community in Olympia. There seem to be a set of folks that regularly volunteer," said Jessie Smith, the WashPIRG volunteer coordinator. "The Hunger Cleanup is more than just an opportunity to volunteer for a day. This is a chance to give the community resources to help keep the doors open to those in need."

The day will begin with music and speakers on The Evergreen State College campus. The work teams will then be assigned a work site for the day. Volunteers will spend three hours completing their team's projects in the community.

"We produce enough food to feed everyone in the world, yet one person dies from hunger related causes every forty seconds," said Bartlett. "The Work-A-Thon will be making an attempt to end these tragedies."



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THE GAME OF SURVIVAL

LIFE IN THE CITY IS NOT HOW I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
BUT IT WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO SEE
I'M WORKING IN A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS SO ROUGH
AND EVERYONE ACTS LIKE THEY ARE SO TOUGH
SO MANY KIDS RUNNING AROUND WITH A GUN
THINKING IT'S COOL AND A LOT OF FUN
YOU HAVE THE DRUG PUSHER EVERYWHERE
AND IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE SO FEW PEOPLE WHO CARE
AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE PIMPS!
THEY FEED ON WOMEN, AND I THINK THEY ARE WIMPS!
THEY USE AND ABUSE
AND SOME DAY THEY WILL LOSE
AND PEOPLE DON'T CARRY THEIR MONEY IN A WALLET OR PURSE
BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE
WE HAVE SUCH A MESSED UP SYSTEM
AND JUST LIKE MYSELF WE ARE ALL A VICTIM
EVERYONE IS CAREFUL OF WHAT THEY SAY
BECAUSE IN THE CITY YOU DON'T WANT TO GET IN THE WAY
THERE ARE SO MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS HERE
FOR WHICH WHO JUST LIVE IN FEAR
NEVER KNOWING WHEN YOU MIGHT BE NEXT TO DIE
AND I ASK YOU WHY, CAN YOU NOT HEAR THE PEOPLE CRY!
JUST REMEMBER TO LIVE IN THE CITY IS THE GAME OF SURVIVAL
FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY OF YOUR ARRIVAL.

Cathy Durrett

COUNTING COMMANDMENTS

You righteous ones
who march outside
the off of my doctor
waving signs that scream
KILLER!
ABORTION IS MURDER
to advertise his sins,

Will you proclaim
with banners then
or write it on the skies
when one of you so pure
first slides into sin,
covets or filches,
bears false witness,
does adultery in your heart?

If life's so sacred
that killing is wrong,
then why is it right
for you to live
my life for me?
Seems a life is taken
either way.

P.J. Gillie
August 1991

Out of Control

Out of control, out of control
Affecting my mind, affecting my soul.
Why is this happening to me?
Should I pray for delivery?

Crowded highways, crowded byways,
Violent crimes, churches' chimes,
Poverty rampant for the masses,
Breaking down the various classes.

People fighting for their rights,
Others loving their delights,
Nobody cares, nobody dares,
To help another - as his brother.

Computers making life more mad,
Often, often, real sad.
Lives are having less direction,
Little chance for much correction.

Why this haste, why this haste,
To obliterate the human race?
Be it fire, be if ice,
Neither one would be too nice.

Out of control, out of control,
Affecting my mind, affecting my soul.
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Springtime

Driving through the Springtime
Smells strike me in the nose,
Pollen splatters on my forehead
Petals stick between my toes,
Nectar wafts along my nasal passages
Finding receptors to empower,
I'm safe as long as no Honeybee
mistakes me for a Flower.

- Birch Shapiro

Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

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Policy Meeting
Tuesday April 6 and May 4 @ 7pm. Call 357-4705 for place.